

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Qian ZAHO, et al.	Examiner:	Ishrat I. SHERALI
Application No.:	10/066,339	Group Art Unit:	2621
Filing Date:	January 30, 2002	Office Action Date:	December 19, 2005
Docket No.	10758-36	Confirmation No.	9849
Title:	LOSSLESS AND NEAR-LOSSLESS SOURCE CODING FOR MULTIPLE ACCESS NETWORKS		
		Customer No.	30076

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-7 and 31-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 8-30 and 35-38 are withdrawn.

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Slepian et al (Noiseless coding of Correlated Information Sources, IEEE Transaction on Information Theory, Vol. IT-19 No. 4, July 1973) in view of Yan et al. (On Instantaneous Codes for Zero Error Coding of Two Correlated Sources, IEEE 0-7803-5857-0/00).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.